

# News from Ed Markey

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## **MILLIE AND TIP O'NEILL WERE ONE OF THE GREATEST COUPLES OF THE GREATEST GENERATION**

**Washington, DC:** Rep. Edward Markey (D-MA) released the following statement regarding the passing of Mildred "Millie" O'Neill, widow of Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives:

"Massachusetts will miss Millie O'Neill dearly. She and Tip were one of the greatest couples of the Greatest Generation.

"I am sure that if Tip were with us today, he would say he was the luckiest man in the world to have met his sweetheart Millie in high school, to have her willingly and joyfully join him on a journey through the highs and lows of national politics in America's last half century, to have raised three wonderful sons and two outstanding daughters while balancing the demands of that journey against the love and attention that a family requires, and to emerge from it all with her love for Tip as strong, as deep and as transparent as the two school-kids they once were.

"She leaves a legacy of warmth and companionship that will glow for the ages. Millie's selfless devotion to her children and grandchildren and her support for the March of Dimes and the arts were unparalleled. All of us in Massachusetts feel like we have lost a pillar of public service."

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